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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

v.

23 Cr. 16 (JHR)

SERGY SHESTAKOV,

Defendant.

Conference

New York, N.Y.
July 23, 2024
4:30 p.m.

Before:

HON. JENNIFER H. REARDEN,

District Judge

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(Case called)

MR. SWETT: Good afternoon, your Honor. Sheb Swett, Rebecca Dell, and Derek Wikstorm on behalf of the United States.

THE COURT: OK. Hello.

MR. SWETT: Hello, your Honor.

THE COURT: All right.

MS. GLAVIN: For the defense, Rita Glavin, along with my colleagues, Katherine Petrino and Leo Korman. We're here with our client, Sergy Shestakov.

THE COURT: Good afternoon. Please be seated.

So, Mr. Swett, I'm interested in hearing everything that you can tell me on the public record about your July 16 request.

MR. SWETT: Your Honor, there's not much more that we can say beyond what's in the public record. We have become aware of information. We're looking into whether that requires CIPA litigation. We are doing that as expeditiously as possible, and if it is required, we would likely seek a Section 2 *ex parte* conference with the Court to explain the situation. But at this time we really can't say more than what's in the letter.

THE COURT: All right. I understand.

Can you tell me whether you anticipate asking me to hold a hearing under Section 6?

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1 MR. SWETT: Your Honor, I can't say at this time.

2 THE COURT: I see that you've asked — first of all,
3 both parties here have asked for an adjournment. So,
4 obviously, we're going to be talking about dates in a minute.

5 You asked for an adjournment of the trial and all
6 associated deadlines by at least six weeks. Do you know
7 anything beyond that? Is it going to take you six weeks to
8 figure out, to evaluate the information, before you'll be ready
9 for possible CIPA practice? Is that still your expectation?

10 MR. SWETT: No, your Honor, our expectation is that
11 within six weeks, to the extent there is CIPA litigation, it
12 could be briefed, brought to the Court's attention, the Court
13 would be in a position to rule on it within that time frame.
14 We are ultimately requesting an adjournment of at least six
15 weeks from the trial date.

16 THE COURT: I see.

17 MR. SWETT: We believe that within that time frame we
18 can be prepared for trial.

19 THE COURT: All right. Well, it's hard for me, based
20 on what I know at this moment, to evaluate all possible ways
21 that this might affect the defendant. I'm not sure —
22 information has come to the government's attention. I'm not
23 sure what all that might mean. I don't know if it means
24 additional discovery material. I'm not sure, so I don't know
25 if you were thinking about that when you put six weeks in the

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1 letter. I know you can't really say more, so —

2 MR. SWETT: Your Honor, we certainly understand the
3 Court's predicament, and we can't say more other than to say
4 that six weeks for us represents the time frame within which we
5 can be prepared for trial. Obviously, it's our desire to move
6 forward with trial, but we gave that date so the Court
7 understands what we think is necessary. Anything less than
8 that, we're afraid that we might not have time to work through
9 the issues. Obviously, anything beyond that would be subject
10 to the Court's views and the view of the defendant.

11 THE COURT: All right. Well, here's what I remember
12 last time we were all together discussing scheduling. I know
13 that Ms. Glavin had already asked the government about going to
14 trial in September.

15 Wait. Six weeks from August 6 is — let's see where
16 that puts us. A little past the middle of August, I think.

17 MS. GLAVIN: Your Honor, if I might be heard.

18 THE COURT: Of course.

19 MS. GLAVIN: I think the issues, your Honor, are far
20 broader than what the government has represented to the Court,
21 and I want to make a record on this.

22 I will be submitting in the next couple weeks a letter
23 seeking another conference before the Court to address
24 discovery motion practice that has been brought on by some
25 behavior that I have seen in the last six to eight weeks in the

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1 run-up to preparing for trial, including the government's
2 handling of *Brady* information that was directly exculpatory
3 regarding my client. I also believe that the government has
4 not and did not ever satisfy its obligations that are required
5 under the DOJ manual and by law with respect to classified
6 information. And third, I believe the government still has
7 Rule 16 material that we need to prepare our client.

8 If your Honor might recall, the indictment came down;
9 it was unsealed around January 21 of last year.

10 THE COURT: Yes.

11 MS. GLAVIN: The first conference was the 9th of
12 February.

13 THE COURT: Yes.

14 MS. GLAVIN: At the conference, Mr. DuCharme, who
15 represented Mr. McGonigal — Mr. DuCharme has a very long and
16 distinguished career dealing with national security issues —
17 raised immediately with the government that, given that the
18 case involved the allegations that our clients were conspiring
19 with Evgeny Fokin, who is a high-level official at En+, and we
20 have learned from discovery the intelligence community was very
21 interested in and that he was conspiring with Oleg Deripaska
22 who the intelligent community — he's infamous. They've been
23 watching him since the Mueller investigation — Mr. DuCharme
24 said it, and I said it at the first conference, said it again
25 at May 10 at a conference, Mr. DuCharme put it in a letter

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1 before that conference saying there have to be interceptions
2 during the time period of the alleged conspiracy, whether they
3 be phone records, whether they be intercepted conversations
4 that Fokin would have had with En+ officials. The government
5 refused over and over to tell us anything that they had done,
6 anything that they had asked the intelligence community.

7 We made very specific requests to the government. We
8 don't believe that those requests were conveyed in the way they
9 should have been conveyed to the intelligence community such
10 that we get the information we're entitled to by law.

11 THE COURT: What makes you believe that?

12 MS. GLAVIN: Because there is no — because En+,
13 counsel for En+, has met with the government. They met with
14 the government last week. Notes of that meeting were provided
15 to me on Monday, and they provided exculpatory information
16 about my client that they had obtained. The information they
17 had is entirely consistent with what my client's defense has
18 been, which is that not only did he not believe that this
19 business intelligence work was for Deripaska, but in truth and
20 in fact, they have evidence within the company, after doing an
21 interview, as to that this was, in fact, business intelligence
22 work that was done for En+ and Rusal and it was done
23 specifically in connection with the litigation that Rusal filed
24 the next year, which is entirely consistent with our theory of
25 the case.

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1 Pandean Limited, the government has not shown any
2 connection to Deripaska. And what we do know — and I have
3 raised this with the government over and over again — is that
4 the woman who signed the contract is affiliated with En+/Rusal.
5 She's on public filings for those companies. I have been
6 screaming this from the mountaintops to the government.
7 There's no way that NSA, the CIA, or the defense community
8 doesn't have Evgeny Fokin's phone records. And we believe
9 those phone records will show, or email communication records,
10 and we believe that those communications will show that he was
11 not in contact with Oleg Deripaska during the time charged in
12 this indictment.

13 That is *Brady*. That is so material to the defense.
14 And to ask the government if they've asked, that's not
15 classified, to say, did you make that request? We have sent
16 them several discovery letters. All we get is "we've complied
17 with our obligations." We get turned over to us yesterday the
18 government had a conversation a month ago, a month ago, with a
19 law enforcement official who told them that he is familiar with
20 Deripaska's network. He had not known or connected that
21 Pandean had anything to do with Deripaska. But what he did
22 know, because he had done some research, is that he could
23 connect it to Rusal and En+.

24 That is the truth. That is the truth of this case,
25 and I have been screaming this from the mountaintop because I'm

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1 standing here with a guy whose life is on the line. I have
2 been begging the government for this. They tell me nothing.

3 If the government has not made these prudential search
4 requests, we will make a motion for sanctions. This is
5 something that gets you in trouble with DOJ, OPR if this was
6 not done under DOJ policy. This has to be done. So I (a) want
7 to be able to make some discovery motions to the Court, given
8 what I'm seeing. We're getting incomplete information about
9 certain phone images, which has caused me to believe that some
10 images of the phone may be in the intelligence community.

11 THE COURT: Whose phone?

12 MS. GLAVIN: Mr. McGonigal's and Mr. Fokin's. Like,
13 we have Charlie McGonigal, they have his laptop. What we have
14 produced from Charlie McGonigal's laptop is several hundred
15 photographs they took of stuff on the laptop, not the actual
16 images. Where is that? We want the laptop and we want a
17 forensic evaluation of that laptop because of where the
18 contract came from, because it appears that it came from Fokin
19 and, we think, came from En+ and Rusal.

20 So I have a whole list of things that I don't think
21 can be resolved now, but to say I am irritated is an
22 understatement a year and a half in.

23 Here is what I would propose, your Honor. They ask
24 for six weeks. I want us to come back again before the Court,
25 because if they ask to make a disclosure to you for an *ex parte*

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1 hearing, I want to be heard, and I also want to do papers into
2 how the process works. Because what it means, Judge, is you're
3 going to have to put yourself into my shoes. All right? And I
4 want you armed with all the questions to ask them, to push
5 them. Their answers today are insufficient. I'm begging you
6 to press them and say: Tell me what the nature of the
7 information was that came to your attention.

8 Let me put it this way: There was a filing to you on
9 July 15, the government opposing our subpoena to the NSA. OK.

10 THE COURT: Yes.

11 MS. GLAVIN: In that filing, they say we have complied
12 with our discovery obligations, including as to classified
13 information, and then 24 hours later, they need an adjournment.
14 What happened in 24 hours?

15 I am so bothered by this case. I have told them
16 repeatedly they got it wrong. So what I need to do for
17 Mr. Shestakov is I need to put together a motion with a listing
18 of all the issues that we are having. I have sent them
19 discovery letters for requests that I am demanding specific
20 that they make to the intelligence community. I do want to
21 revisit with your Honor the issue of our motion to compel and
22 narrowing it in anyways that we can.

23 But I have to defend him, and this case has been
24 wrongheaded and — just let us get the materials that we need.
25 This has been curated, and I've been blocked at every turn. So

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1 I plead with you — I'll give you the page that this is on on
2 the July 15 letter if you want to take —

3 THE COURT: I know where it is.

4 MS. GLAVIN: I am at a loss here, and this is — we're
5 18 months in, and what Seth DuCharme said to the Court, I mean,
6 this was just a foreboding. In his letter of June 23, 2023, he
7 just said: The fact that the government keeps saying to us and
8 to you no classified information here is not acceptable because
9 they want to put in statements — I'll give you an example.

10 So they want to put in statements at trial saying that
11 Evgeny Fokin, coconspirator statements. To the extent they
12 want to put statements in that they found on Mr. Fokin's phone
13 or text at trial, they have to give me any other statements
14 that they have of Mr. Fokin. That means they have to ask the
15 intelligence community: Have you intercepted his email
16 communications during that time period? Did you intercept him
17 on wiretaps? If that is the case, they have to review it, and
18 they have to produce. The fact that it's classified doesn't
19 mean that they don't have their discovery obligations.

20 Oleg Deripaska, they're claiming, is a coconspirator.
21 He's not. So to the extent there are no communications, all
22 they have to do, go to the intelligence community. Oleg
23 Deripaska, like, you seized his boat, OK? You are watching
24 everything he's doing. They were following Oleg Deripaska.
25 That's why they have two other cases. They have, I think —

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1 and I'm going to raise this — I think the person that I've
2 been trying to subpoena is a cooperator with the government,
3 and they've given me bupkes on her.

4 So I just, your Honor, what I want to say is I want
5 you to ask them more pointed questions about what happened in
6 24 hours. What the nature of that information was? How did
7 they learn — when did they learn about it? What caused them
8 on July 16 to send the letter to you? I want you to be as
9 angry as I am because they've been telling you what they've
10 been telling me, and they got it wrong. They've gotten *Brady*
11 wrong, they've gotten Rule 16 wrong, and they've gotten CIPA
12 wrong.

13 On Rule 16, AUSA Hagan Scotten actually sat here and
14 said to you and to me in a courtroom that the discovery of
15 Charlie McGonigal in D.C., that's not Rule 16. That has
16 nothing to do with this case; it's a different case. Yeah, and
17 then we get the discovery, and we see that the agent in this
18 case was using that case to subpoena financial records about
19 Mr. Shestakov. You can't trust what they say in this case, you
20 can't. Don't take them at face value, I am begging you.

21 So my point is I want you to ask more questions. I'm
22 happy to give you the questions. And then what I'd like to do
23 is I want to take a step back, regroup with my team, and figure
24 out the motions that we're going to make. It may even mean
25 that I am sending letters to National Security Division at Main

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1 Justice to complain about what has gone on in this case and ask
2 for a meeting. But this is not acceptable what has gone on
3 here. You cannot have been in this case for a year and a half
4 — I mean, Ms. Dell has been on this investigation since the
5 beginning.

6 So my proposal is we come back for status conference,
7 largely because I don't know what this is going to look like,
8 but I know that there's going to be a lot of litigation and
9 motions coming from me, and I'm going to ask for audiences both
10 at the U.S. Attorney's Office and probably at Main Justice.

11 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Swett, the government has
12 been accused of getting *Brady* wrong, getting Rule 16 wrong,
13 getting CIPA wrong. I want to hear your response to
14 Ms. Glavin's arguments, but, first, I do want to ask you how
15 you reconcile the position you took on July 15 with the letter
16 you sent to me on July 16.

17 MR. SWETT: Your Honor, I think identifying that there
18 may be the need to conduct additional CIPA litigation is
19 entirely consistent with our discovery obligations. The fact
20 that we are opposing a subpoena for classified information to
21 the NSA and, in part, saying that this case has, at a minimum,
22 had a CIPA 2 conference in front of the Court is not
23 inconsistent with also saying we have identified information
24 that we think may involve CIPA. I mean, discovery is not a —
25 it's not a fixed-in-time thing where you have the materials and

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1 the materials are frozen.

2 THE COURT: I don't actually have it in front of me,
3 but in your opposition to the 17(c) applications, did you say
4 that the government believes it's satisfied its discovery
5 obligations with respect to national intelligence information?

6 MR. SWETT: Your Honor, I have the letter.

7 MS. GLAVIN: It's page 3. For the record, it's
8 ECF 140.

9 MR. SWETT: It says the government has complied with
10 its discovery obligations. And, obviously, bringing to the
11 Court's attention the potential need for further CIPA
12 litigation is just that.

13 Everything that Ms. Glavin is complaining about is in
14 response to materials that the government has produced. And we
15 are more than happy to answer to every single allegation here
16 with respect to *Brady*, with respect to Rule 16, with respect to
17 CIPA. It's not in front of the Court. We're here today to
18 schedule, we thought, a trial, hopefully a trial. If she wants
19 to move on this, she can. She's written three or four letters
20 and maybe a half a dozen emails to us in the last 24 hours.
21 We're going to respond to them, and we'd like to work through
22 these issues with her. We'd like to answer her questions. I
23 don't think she's going to like all of those answers, but we
24 are answering her questions and we are providing her materials,
25 consistent with our obligations and this Court's rulings. So

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1 if there are specific questions, to the extent I can, I will
2 answer them.

3 But as an initial matter, complying with one's
4 discovery obligations means alerting the Court that we might
5 have to go through this process because of information we've
6 learned, just like complying with one's discovery obligations
7 means sending materials over if we think that they might
8 contain exculpatory information, which are now in her
9 possession. This is all part of the government complying with
10 its obligations, understanding what it needs to do, and we'll
11 continue to do that, and we'll answer allegations that we
12 haven't done that.

13 THE COURT: When was the last time you produced
14 discovery material to Mr. Shestakov?

15 MR. SWETT: Today.

16 THE COURT: Today?

17 MR. SWETT: Today.

18 MS. GLAVIN: Yesterday was a *Brady* production. So the
19 record is clear, your Honor, this is actually what the
20 government's letter said at EC 140. I want to make sure this
21 is in the record, to the extent we have to go down an appeal
22 road over suppressing classified information that is *Brady* and
23 Rule 16. This is what the government told the Court on
24 July 15:

25 "On February 8, 2023, the government requested that

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1 the Court hold an *ex parte* conference pursuant to Section 2 of
2 CIPA to consider matters relating to classified information.
3 (Dkt. No. 20). That conference occurred on March 8, 2023. As
4 discussed at the conference — and as the government has also
5 confirmed at other junctures in this case — the government has
6 complied with its discovery obligations."

7 Your Honor, 24 hours later, they're telling you they
8 haven't, and they need to look into CIPA.

9 And let's just talk about the discovery obligations.
10 The discovery obligations, yes, it's a rolling basis. It's a
11 living and breathing thing. But the fact of the matter is we
12 came here on February 9. We told the government exactly what
13 they needed to look for. The government has known our theory
14 of the case for over a year, that Mr. Shestakov was not working
15 with Charlie McGonigal to help out Oleg Deripaska, but that the
16 person they say is the agent of Deripaska is, in fact, an En+
17 official named Evgeny Fokin who already has told the government
18 that he was doing this on behalf of En+. He told them that
19 when he was stopped at the border. And now En+'s counsel
20 weighed in last week to provide exculpatory evidence to the
21 government indicating: You got this wrong. Rita was right;
22 Mr. Shestakov was right.

23 How is it that the government could have investigated
24 this case, OK, and did not check what phone records do you
25 have? As we've scoured the discovery for Mr. Fokin, what phone

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1 records do they have of him with Mr. Deripaska? We don't see
2 any phone records in discovery. Well, we know from his phone,
3 but we think we only have part of his phone because we think
4 they put other parts with the intelligence community. I think
5 there is more classified information, and I'm going push on
6 this and ask your Honor to push on it.

7 But this is a mealy-mouthed answer, and it's not
8 acceptable. They knew what their discovery obligations were.
9 I think — what was it Mr. Scotten said? I think he called it
10 there are small amounts, large amounts. This is medium amount
11 of discovery, if I remember, and we'd have it within 30 days.
12 And we don't have to worry about this, that, and the other
13 thing. And we kept asking, and we are here right now because
14 of it. So I will make applications to the Court on discovery.
15 I think there have been severe discovery violations.

16 With respect to the intelligence community, I don't
17 believe they have asked all the questions of the intelligence
18 community that we asked them to, that they need to ask. It is
19 inconceivable that NSA and CIA do not have information that is
20 material to preparation of our defense, and that goes to
21 whether or not Mr. Fokin was in touch with Oleg Deripaska
22 during the period of this conspiracy.

23 What's also important is, your Honor, we have, like —
24 I'll give you another example. There will be messages between
25 Mr. Fokin and Mr. McGonigal talking about the progress of this

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1 intelligence work. It then becomes critical for us to know,
2 let's say by way of example, or hypothetical, let's say that
3 Mr. Fokin receives — so he receives, like, sometime in
4 September intelligence materials, background investigation
5 stuff that McGonigal had done as it related to Potanin and
6 Norilsk Nickel.

7 And what's important to us is who was Fokin on the
8 phone with that day after he got the material? NSA will know
9 that. Who was he calling in the days? He then has questions
10 that were interested in this. So he asked Charlie questions.
11 Then who is Fokin on the phone with? That's critically
12 important to us, and NSA has it. There's no question that they
13 have it. And who was he not on the phone with? Did he get on
14 the phone and call Deripaska? We think NSA records are going
15 to show he did not.

16 There are also discussions in August, and there's
17 discussions about how the payment is going to be made to
18 McGonigal. So the question is, when those discussions are
19 happening, when the discussions — and all we have are mixed
20 text messages when they're happening, OK, so we have haphazard
21 text messages, but we don't have all of them — who then does
22 McGonigal talk to? That is so critical to our defense. And
23 the fact that the government — this didn't occur to them when
24 they were investigating this case and they were going to try
25 and say that he was an agent of Deripaska is beyond me. It's

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1 beyond me, but I'm certain they didn't ask.

2 And so this is why the Court has CIPA, for you to put
3 yourself in my shoes. OK. And they have been saying since day
4 one this doesn't implicate classified information because we
5 declassified, you know, some materials. Everything about this
6 case implicates national security and intelligence. And I'm
7 sitting with a man who has pled not guilty and has been
8 screaming this from the hilltops. They have it or they're able
9 to get it, and they need to get it.

10 THE COURT: Mr. Swett, what discovery did the
11 government produce yesterday?

12 MR. SWETT: Your Honor, yesterday we produced notes
13 from a meeting with counsel for En+ in which they relayed the
14 — an interview they had conducted of Fokin. Then we produced
15 notes from a teleconference with an FBI agent.

16 THE COURT: All right. So notes from a meeting with
17 counsel for En+ concerning an interview of Fokin, is that what
18 you said?

19 MR. SWETT: Yes, Evgeny Fokin.

20 THE COURT: When was the interview of Fokin?

21 MR. SWETT: I don't know when the interview was. I
22 believe the meeting with counsel was Thursday or Friday of last
23 week.

24 THE COURT: All right. And notes from a conference
25 with an FBI agent, that was the other component?

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1 MR. SWETT: Yes, your Honor.

2 THE COURT: When was the conference with the FBI
3 agent?

4 MR. SWETT: June 25, I believe.

5 THE COURT: All right. Yes, go ahead.

6 MR. SWETT: I just do want to make it clear, your
7 Honor, that the defense theory that Ms. Glavin just presented
8 to you comes from materials that have been produced throughout
9 the course of this case. The interview of Evgeny Fokin at the
10 border, where he said that he was coming to the United States
11 to do work for En+, the government produced that in its first
12 discovery production. The records showing that Arina Lazarou
13 had been director of companies affiliated with En+, that was
14 produced by the government in, I think, one of its first
15 discovery productions. So, again, you have an account of the
16 government's suppressing information based on materials that
17 the government has been producing throughout this case.

18 I think the only thing I will say with respect to the
19 classified materials is that in the motion for the Rule 17
20 subpoena, the defendant made a case for why there must be these
21 materials, and that argument is just pure rank speculation.
22 And obviously, there's very little that we can say about the
23 process here because CIPA exists to cover these types of
24 materials. But Ms. Glavin has stood up in court today and has
25 said these materials absolutely exist, and as far as we can

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1 tell, it is based on nothing more than wishful thinking or
2 supposition.

3 So, again, none of this is actually before the Court
4 right now. We've received a lot of letters to respond to,
5 which we will respond to. To the extent she moves for relief
6 from the Court, we will respond to those motions. For the time
7 being, though, I think we don't think it makes sense to
8 continue litigating this issue that's not ripe, that hasn't
9 been briefed, that we haven't even had a chance to confer on
10 between parties, and so we would ask that the Court move on to
11 scheduling matters in this case.

12 THE COURT: Well, Mr. Swett, I was giving you an
13 opportunity to respond to the allegations that have been made.
14 So if you don't have anything more to say right now, then
15 that's OK with me. I'm not sure how much further I can go
16 without papers in front of me anyway.

17 MR. SWETT: Your Honor, we certainly vehemently deny
18 the accusation that there are sanctionable discovery violations
19 here. We have received letters from Ms. Glavin laying out
20 some of what she has described to you today, which we think is
21 shaded to the point of unrecognizability.

22 So the bottom line is that we have produced materials
23 that we are obligated to under *Brady*. We have complied with
24 our discovery obligations. Certainly, we have complied with
25 the Court's rulings — and I think much of what Ms. Glavin is

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1 complaining about is that she's seeking to undo the rulings in
2 this case — and we continue to do that. And when we have new
3 materials or new information, we provide them, and that is
4 completely consistent with a prosecution team attempting and
5 complying with its obligations. It is the opposite of what you
6 would expect from a prosecution team that is suppressing
7 information and that is not complying with its obligations.

8 THE COURT: All right. Ms. Glavin, the government
9 referred to a, to paraphrase, flurry of communications that
10 they received from you just yesterday before this conference
11 today.

12 MS. GLAVIN: Yes.

13 THE COURT: How much of what you're telling me today
14 relates to communications that you sent yesterday and haven't
15 gotten responses to yet?

16 MS. GLAVIN: Well, there is also the communication I
17 sent to them with also a long list of discovery requests on
18 July 15. Those aren't the only ones. They got two yesterday
19 that we had been working on but were a direct result of having
20 gotten the *Brady* disclosures yesterday.

21 One thing I want to say about the *Brady* disclosure of
22 the discussion they had with the FBI on June 25, why it just
23 has me so angry is that at the time that FBI agent told this
24 prosecution team, OK, on June 25, that he investigates Oleg
25 Deripaska; he is familiar with Oleg Deripaska's networks. He

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1 doesn't know Pandean. He hasn't heard of Pandean. Pandean's a
2 central part of this. We've been saying since day one Pandean
3 has nothing to do with Oleg Deripaska. It has to do with En+
4 and Rusal.

5 This agent tells them that and also says: And I was
6 been able to link Pandean and Arina Lazarou to En+ and Rusal.
7 When the government says today, oh, but the reason Ms. Glavin
8 knows this is because of what we gave her in discovery, you
9 want to know those documents that they gave me that are
10 documents indicating that Pandean or that Arina Lazarou —
11 actually, I should say Arina Lazarou was affiliated with Rusal
12 and En+? They're not in English. The government did not even
13 translate them.

14 I don't believe that the government knew until I
15 pointed it out, because we got them translated, I don't think
16 they knew that En+ had a public filing from 2021, when this
17 conspiracy took place, that says Arina Lazarou is an affiliated
18 entity. If they did, they most certainly should have
19 translated it and given it to me, and if they did know that
20 before they indicted, they should have done a lot more homework
21 than what they did.

22 So was it in the mass amount of discovery that we got?
23 Uh-huh. Was, I think, the two public filings we looked at, was
24 it in English? Nope. Did they translate it? Nope. That's
25 what we're dealing with here, and that scares me to no end. I

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1 have never been in a situation like this in my 14 years as a
2 defense lawyer. I just can't believe we're 18 months into this
3 case, and the government's like, oh, we complied with our
4 discovery obligations. When? Oh, and if you turn this over to
5 me the day before trial, well, we complied with our
6 obligations? Where have they been, and what have they been
7 doing?

8 So I get it. You you've listened to me go off about
9 this. I'm making my record because I hope that this does not
10 end up in the Second Circuit. I hope the right thing gets done
11 here. But this record has to be made. It has to be made over
12 and over. And I do intend to make filings. We have been
13 asking them questions for months, and we get the same answer
14 that you're getting today, which is unacceptable. We just got:
15 We complied with our discovery obligations. Don't mind us.
16 Don't look under the hood. You can trust us. We're the
17 government. We can't, not what I've seen in this case. You
18 cannot trust them in this case.

19 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Swett, we started with you
20 telling me that you thought you needed about six weeks to go
21 through the entirety of the CIPA practice that you're imagining
22 might need to take place, right?

23 MR. SWETT: Yes, your Honor.

24 THE COURT: So when between now and six weeks from now
25 can you tell me more? When are we going to have a next step?

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1 MR. SWETT: Your Honor, I think it makes sense to
2 schedule a Section 2 CIPA conference so that we can provide
3 more information. We would tentatively propose a week from
4 this Friday. However, I think we'd like to just discuss with
5 folks at the National Security Division the timing of that. So
6 we think by then we will be in a position to give the Court
7 more information about the information in our July 16 letter.

8 THE COURT: All right. Well, since I am currently in
9 trial with some of your colleagues and the trial is expected to
10 go into next week, I don't want to schedule anything for
11 Friday, August 2. But I would propose a date that I know works
12 for everybody, and that is Tuesday, August 6.

13 MR. SWETT: That's fine, your Honor.

14 THE COURT: All right.

15 MS. GLAVIN: Your Honor, with respect to that, on the
16 CIPA conference, the defense would also like to make a similar
17 request, and I just — if I could just consult with my team on
18 the date?

19 THE COURT: Yes.

20 (Counsel conferred)

21 MS. GLAVIN: Your Honor, would it be possible to do it
22 on Wednesday, the 7th, instead?

23 THE COURT: That's fine with me.

24 So are you proposing — what are you proposing?
25 Back-to-back CIPA conferences?

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1 MS. GLAVIN: Yes, your Honor.

2 THE COURT: What would you have to tell me in a CIPA
3 conference at this point?

4 MS. GLAVIN: I think what we would do is we would put
5 to you the questions — I think I would give you more color on
6 the defense and what we're seeing and pulling together so that
7 you are prepared to ask the government questions. This would
8 be similar to what we did last year.

9 THE COURT: Yes, yes.

10 MS. GLAVIN: But I want some time to think about it
11 when with the team and how I want to structure — like, we will
12 put something to the Court, probably an *ex parte* communication,
13 about the conference beforehand.

14 THE COURT: All right. So let's all tentatively hold
15 Wednesday, August 7, then.

16 All right. Ms. Glavin, when are you going to start
17 rolling your motions to me?

18 MS. GLAVIN: Your Honor, it will be this month — not
19 this month, July. It will be in August. I'm just — I think
20 my team right now is dragging a little bit because we are
21 switching from trial prep.

22 And also to be clear for the record, the Court is
23 adjourning the trial?

24 THE COURT: Yes, I was getting to that. Clearly, we
25 are adjourning the trial.

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1 And also to rewind to where we were about half an hour
2 ago, I know that, last time we talked about scheduling, you
3 were proposing September for trial. I couldn't do September.
4 I know that Mr. Wikstrom had a trial scheduled for October and
5 possibly Ms. Dell also. Is that still the case?

6 MS. GLAVIN: Judge, my fall is gone. I'm in
7 depositions throughout the fall that I'm taking in two
8 high-profile matters. Like, the fall is gone for me now. I
9 scheduled everything.

10 THE COURT: Through when, would you say?

11 MS. GLAVIN: Through December. Through December.
12 That's why I would ask that we come back, because I do think
13 we're going to be in litigation over this.

14 Oh, and Mr. Korman reminds me that he and his wife are
15 expecting a baby. I'm sorry.

16 THE COURT: Congratulations.

17 MR. KORMAN: Thank you.

18 MS. GLAVIN: In November. So that's why I would
19 prefer that we come back when I can get this shored up. You
20 know, we could come back maybe the first week of September.
21 But given the importance of this to Mr. Shestakov, and he and I
22 have had many discussions about this, like, he is very, very
23 concerned about what is out there as an eye that we don't have
24 and wants to make sure that we get this right, and I could not
25 agree with him more.

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1 THE COURT: Well, I would have hoped not to put trial
2 off past the end of this year. I would like to — you're going
3 to get back to me, I guess, both sides. The government is
4 prepared to go forward with a CIPA conference on August 7. Can
5 you say that firmly right now?

6 MR. SWETT: Your Honor, certainly, we will be
7 available. I just want to make sure that we have a chance to
8 confer with our counterparts. I expect we could give you a
9 firm answer by the end of today or early tomorrow.

10 THE COURT: That would be fine.

11 Then, Ms. Glavin, what about you? When do you think
12 you'll be able to get back to me about the 7th?

13 MS. GLAVIN: Oh, I'm fine. We can do it on the 7th.

14 THE COURT: You can?

15 MS. GLAVIN: Yeah. I mean, yes, yes, 7th is fine. If
16 we could do it late in the day, that would be great.

17 THE COURT: Late in the day? Like what are you
18 thinking?

19 MS. GLAVIN: Same time. I don't — oh, I didn't think
20 about that. Say 3 o'clock?

21 THE COURT: All right. So we'll block out 3:00 to
22 5:00, I guess, on the 7th. I assume an hour each will be
23 enough.

24 MR. SWETT: An hour should be fine for the government.

25 And just to be clear, we will have an update. I don't

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1 know if we will have fully concluded whether or not CIPA
2 litigation is necessary, but, obviously, the information that
3 we have at that time we'll be prepared to share with the Court.

4 THE COURT: All right. Very good.

5 MS. GLAVIN: To the extent, your Honor —

6 THE COURT: Yes.

7 MS. GLAVIN: — that the government does not think
8 CIPA litigation is necessary, we will be making motions, very
9 specific, regarding what they need to be doing with the NSA and
10 CIA.

11 THE COURT: Well, you're making motions regardless.

12 MS. GLAVIN: Yes.

13 THE COURT: All right. Well, does the government have
14 an application?

15 MR. SWETT: Well, your Honor, we would certainly move
16 to exclude time at least through August 7, but I think we would
17 also ask the Court to set a trial date even if it is in
18 December. People's schedules only get busier the longer we
19 wait. So we're prepared to try this case in — towards the end
20 of this year, and we would like to work out a trial date today.

21 MS. GLAVIN: Your Honor, here are the issues: One is
22 I do want to talk with — we're here basically because of the
23 government not doing what they were supposed to have done
24 months ago, and I want to talk with my team. I want to talk
25 with Mr. Shestakov. I also think that we may have applications

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1 for Rule 15 depositions in connection with this case, including
2 as it relates to Mr. Fokin, and that would be happening outside
3 the United States.

4 MR. SWETT: Your Honor, I think Ms. Glavin first
5 raised the possibility of Rule 15 depositions in January of
6 this year, so I don't see that as a compelling reason to
7 adjourn this without a firm trial date.

8 MS. GLAVIN: This is amazing to me. The government
9 produces information to me yesterday that Mr. Fokin, who they
10 tried to exclude any information about him telling the
11 government the truth at the border, even though they had
12 information in their possession as of June 25, that —
13 consistent with our defense. They get information from the
14 company last week that Mr. Fokin was recently spoken to, and
15 what he had to say was pretty darn exculpatory to Mr. Shestakov
16 in every way, shape, and form. And now they're like, oh, it
17 shouldn't take that long. OK. OK. Because I think we may
18 have more witnesses as a result of this.

19 THE COURT: All right. I do agree that if we don't
20 pick a trial date now, the next time this comes up —
21 Ms. Glavin, I know your schedule — we're going to be looking
22 at, like, next April, May. We have to put something down now,
23 and we'll see how things unfold from here, both in terms of
24 CIPA practice and your motions.

25 But what about Wednesday, December 4?

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1 MS. GLAVIN: Your Honor, I cannot do it this year.
2 There are depositions I have in December. I'm also going away
3 in December, and I also expect this trial — the government, I
4 think, said they thought it would go into a second week. I
5 think it's going to be a three- to four-week trial. So I
6 cannot do it, and I would like to just speak with my colleagues
7 because I need to know when Mr. Korman will be back, because
8 he's been a critical part of preparing this and part of our
9 team, and I'm expecting he's going to be trying the case with
10 me. So I just need to check with everyone's availability.

11 THE COURT: All right. Just a moment.

12 So, Mr. Swett, do you agree that it's possible this
13 single-defendant case could — the trial could run beyond two
14 weeks?

15 MR. SWETT: Well, your Honor, I think the government's
16 case-in-chief will last no more than two weeks and could be
17 only slightly more than one week.

18 THE COURT: All right. Ms. Glavin, why don't you
19 confer with your team now, please, and —

20 MS. GLAVIN: Can we just step outside, your Honor?

21 THE COURT: Yes, you may.

22 (Recess)

23 MS. GLAVIN: So, your Honor, I had a chance to confer
24 with Mr. Shestakov, as well as my team, and between Mr. Korman
25 and his wife — the baby is due late November. I am also in —

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1 and he will be gone for the month of December. I am taking a
2 very important deposition that is going to require weeks of
3 preparation in December, actually, December 11. And so the
4 date we all feel comfortable with, and Mr. Shestakov, is a date
5 in February. We propose the second week of February.

6 THE COURT: While I check on that on my end,
7 Mr. Swett, what does that look like for you?

8 MR. SWETT: We're available.

9 THE COURT: All right.

10 All right. Wednesday, February 12 — wait. How many
11 weeks are we holding now? Three?

12 MS. GLAVIN: I would hold four, your Honor, between
13 jury selection and soup to nuts.

14 I just — with respect to starting on a Wednesday, I
15 did have one question for the Court.

16 THE COURT: Yes.

17 MS. GLAVIN: In terms of starting on a Wednesday, I
18 don't know how the clerk's office does this, but to the extent
19 the Wednesday jury pool has the people who have been the
20 subject of for-cause or peremptory challenges, and that is
21 going to be the majority of my jury pool, I do have an issue
22 with that and would ask that — unless fresh pools are brought
23 each day of the week, I think that that puts the defense at
24 quite a disadvantage, and I'd rather that we start on a Monday.

25 THE COURT: I'm willing to start on a Tuesday. It's

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1 very hard to start on a Monday because that's when most people
2 start. That's hard for the jury department, so I'd rather
3 start on a Tuesday.

4 MS. GLAVIN: You realize that the defense gets more —
5 well, I don't mean it to come out that way. But we end up with
6 a lot of defense rejections in our pool come Tuesday. The
7 defense has more challenges than the government, and so
8 therefore, what ends up in that Tuesday pool — I'm very
9 familiar with this from having been at the office, and there
10 was used to be a saying that we love the Wednesday jury pools
11 because you had all the defense rejections from Monday and
12 Tuesday, which is why I would prefer to start on a Monday.

13 I get it. I get it. That's when everyone else starts
14 their trials, but to me it puts us in the fairest position for
15 what we're going to get in the pool.

16 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Swett, any objection?

17 MR. SWETT: No, your Honor. We're happy to start any
18 day of the week.

19 THE COURT: All right. We can start on Monday,
20 February 10.

21 MS. GLAVIN: Thank you, your Honor. I appreciate it.

22 THE COURT: And I will hold through Friday, March 7.

23 MS. GLAVIN: Thank you, your Honor.

24 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Swett, now do you have an
25 application?

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1 MR. SWETT: Yes, your Honor. We would now ask for an
2 exclusion of time under the speedy trial clock through
3 February 10, 2025. That clock will toll if the defendant files
4 motions, but anyway, for the many reasons we've discussed
5 today, we think it's in the interest of justice and outweighs
6 the defendant's and the public's interest in a speedy trial.

7 MS. GLAVIN: No objection.

8 THE COURT: All right. Hearing no objection, I hereby
9 exclude time between today and the start of trial scheduled for
10 February 10, 2025, under the Speedy Trial Act pursuant to
11 18 U.S.C. Section 3161(h)(7)(A) in order to permit the
12 government to evaluate the need for possible CIPA litigation
13 and to allow the defense time to brief the issues that the
14 defense has raised today and to prepare for trial and for me to
15 decide motions.

16 I find the exclusion to be in the interest of justice
17 and to outweigh the best interests of the public and the
18 defendant in a speedy trial.

19 Anything else for right now?

20 MR. SWETT: No. Thank you, your Honor.

21 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

22 MS. GLAVIN: Not for the defense. Thank you.

23 (Adjourned)
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